

**What is claimed is:**

1. An electronic purchase system for providing a  
5 place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers  
participate, comprising:  
a storage unit storing sales-related information  
about a commodity that the seller offers;  
a purchaser registration unit registering one  
10 or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers; and  
a publication unit making public the  
sales-related information public to purchasers  
registered by said purchaser registration unit.
- 15 2. The electronic purchase system according to  
claim 1, wherein  
the sales-related information is set for each  
purchaser company by the seller.
- 20 3. The electronic purchase system according to  
claim 1, wherein  
information registered in said purchaser  
registration unit is updated based on a trade between  
the seller and each purchaser.

4. An electronic purchase system for providing a place where a purchaser and a plurality of sellers participate, comprising:

a seller registration unit registering one or  
5 more sellers of the plurality of sellers;

a reception unit receiving a request related to a trade of a commodity from the purchaser; and

a publication unit making public the request only to sellers registered by said seller registration unit.  
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5. The electronic purchase system according to claim 4, wherein

information registered in said seller registration unit is updated based on a trade between  
15 the purchaser and each seller.

6. An electronic purchase system for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate, comprising:

20 a storage unit storing sales-related information about a commodity that the seller offers and is individually set for one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers; and

a publication unit making public the  
25 sales-related information to the plurality of

purchasers.

7. The electronic purchase system according to claim 6, wherein

5 the sales-related information is updated based on a trade between the seller and each purchaser.

8. An electronic purchase method for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers  
10 participate, comprising:

inputting sales-related information about a commodity that the seller offers;

registering one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers according to an instruction  
15 from the seller; and

making public the sales-related information to the registered purchasers.

9. An electronic purchase method for providing a  
20 place where a purchaser and a plurality of sellers participate, comprising:

registering one or more sellers of the plurality of sellers according to an instruction from the purchaser;

25 receiving a request related to a trade of a

commodity from the purchaser; and

making public the request to the registered sellers.

- 5 10. An electronic purchase method for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate, comprising:

inputting sales-related information about a commodity that the seller offers and is individually  
10 set for one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers; and

making public the sales-related information to the plurality of purchasers.

- 15 11. A storage medium storing a program executed by a computer, the program comprising:

a code for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate;

a code for receiving sales-related information  
20 about a commodity that the seller offers;

a code for registering one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers according to an instruction from the seller; and

a code for making public the sales-related  
25 information to the registered purchasers.

12. A storage medium storing a program executed by a computer, the program comprising:

a code for providing a place where a purchaser  
5 and a plurality of sellers participate;

a code for registering one or more sellers of the plurality of sellers according to an instruction from the purchaser;

a code receiving a request related to a trade  
10 of a commodity from the purchaser; and

a code for making public the request to the registered sellers.

13. A storage medium storing a program executed by  
15 a computer, the program comprising:

a code for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate;

a code for receiving sales-related information about a commodity that the seller offers and is  
20 individually set for one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers from the purchaser; and

making public the sales-related information to the plurality of purchasers.

25 14. A trade support system for supporting a commodity

trade between a seller and a purchaser using a network,  
comprising:

a management unit managing a past trade amount  
of each purchaser; and

5 a discount unit discounting a trade price if a  
total or average trade amount of a purchaser for a past  
specific period exceeds a specific value, when the  
purchaser purchases a commodity from the seller.

10 15. The trade support system according to claim 14,  
wherein

a discount amount reduced from a current trade  
price is calculated based on a trade amount of the  
purchaser for a past specific period.

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16. The trade support system according to claim 14,  
wherein

the total or average trade amount is a total or  
average trade amount between a seller and a purchaser  
20 in the current trade for a past specific period.